

I. List: 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups.”

(a) Nonsynthetics allowed

II. Committee Summary: Many commenters are proponents of keeping all materials on list 205.605 a. In addition, each substance on the list received many specific comments recommending their continued allowance in organic handling. One substance, yeast, had several comments supporting the continued use of this material, however a few comments objected to its continued use.

There were comments submitted supporting the continued use of agar-agar and tartaric acid. Both materials were listed in the Federal Register ANPR for Sunset Review, but because these materials were not on the December 21, 2000, National List, they are not to be considered as part of this Sunset review.

III. Committee Recommendation(s):

The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substances in this use category as published in the final rule:

Acids (Alginic; Citric - produced by microbial fermentation of carbohydrate substances; and Lactic).

Bentonite

Calcium carbonate

Calcium chloride

Carageenan

Dairy cultures

Diatomaceous earth-food filtering aid

Enzymes -must be derived from edible, nontoxic plants, nonpathogenic fungi, or nonpathogenic bacteria.

Kaolin

Magnesium Sulfate, nonsynthetic sources only.

Nitrogen-oil-free grades

Oxygen-oil free grades

Perlite- for use only as a filter aid in food processing

Potassium chloride

Potassium iodide

Sodium bicarbonate

Sodium carbonate

Waxes-nonsynthetic (Carnauba wax; and Wood resin).

Yeast - nonsynthetic, growth on petrochemical substrate and sulfite waste liquor is prohibited (Autolysate; Bakers; Brewers; Nutritional; and Smoked - nonsynthetic smoke flavoring process must be documented).

A few commenters stated that it was inappropriate for Section 205.605(a) of the National List to retain yeast for handling production because the commenters believe that this material is agricultural. The handling committee believes that the issue of agricultural versus non-agricultural is not in the scope of the Sunset process, therefore we recommend the continued use of this material.

The handling committee recommends deferring the vote on the following materials until further technical information is obtained. The materials to be deferred are:

Colors-nonsynthetic sources only
Flavors- nonsynthetic sources only and must not be produced using synthetic solvents and carrier systems or any artificial preservative.

At the time these materials were added to the National List, there was no technical review conducted (i.e. TAP). The NOSB has determined that these materials warrant a more in-depth review and require additional technical information. The NOSB has requested TAP reviews for these materials in order to make recommendations for their continued use or prohibition.

The handling committee recommends not renewing the following substances in this use category based on the submitted evaluation forms:

None in this category

Moved: Julie Weisman Second: Bea James
Committee vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent